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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: PAN AM NEWYORK-HELSINKI CHARTER FLIGHT BLOCKED  
BY ADVERSE CAB FINDING ABOUT FINNISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY

1. SUMMARY: PAN AM CHARTER FLIGHT TO HELSINKI JUNE 12  
BLOCKED BY CAB DECISION THAT LEAGUE OF FINNISH-AMERICAN  
SOCIETIES (LFAS) IS NOT "CHARTER-WORTHY". TWO LATER  
PAN AM CHARTER FLIGHTS ALSO AFFECTED. EMBASSY CONCERNED  
THAT EXTENSIVE CHARTER TRAVEL TO AND FROM US MAY BE  
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED. END SUMMARY.

2. HELSINKI OFFICE PAN AM INFORMS US THAT US CAB HAS  
REFUSED PAN AM PERMISSION FLY ABOUT 180 LFAS MEMBERS ON  
ONE-WAY CHARTER NEW YORK TO HELSINKI JUNE 12. PERMISSION  
FOR AUGUST NEW YORK-HELSINKI ONE-WAY CHARTER AND  
DECEMBER NEW YORK-HELSINKI-NEW YORK TWO-WAY CHARTER  
ALSO REFUSED. GROUND FOR REFUSAL, ACCORDING LOCAL  
PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE, IS THAT CAB FINDS THAT LFAS  
DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR AFFINITY GROUP CLASSIFICATION.  
PAN AM REPRESENTATIVE DOES NOT KNOW WHETHER HELSINKI-  
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NEW YORK-HELSINKI LFAS CHARTER MEMBERS WILL BE

AFFECTED. IT HAS ONE SUCH PLANNED IN DECEMBER.  
ASSER LEPPANEN, HEAD OF HELSINKI PAN AM OFFICE AND  
AIMO HUTTUNEN, SECRETARY GENERAL OF LFAS, PLAN TO  
FLY TO NEW YORK JUNE 8 TO LEARN MORE ABOUT BASIS  
FOR CAB DECISION AND TO ATTEMPT TO HAVE IT RECON-  
SIDERED.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AND USIA AWARE, SUPPORT OF LONG-  
ESTABLISHED LFAS AND ITS WORK IS MAJOR ELEMENT IN  
USIS COUNTRY PROGRAM. ENCOURAGEMENT OF TRAVEL OF  
FINNS TO US BY ORGANIZING CHARTER FLIGHTS IS ONE OF  
MOST USEFUL ACTIVITIES OF LFAS BUT BY NO MEANS ONLY  
ONE. WE FEEL THAT TRAVEL FROM AMERICA TO FINLAND ALSO  
FOSTERS UNDERSTANDING AND LFAS CHARTERS HAVE DOUBTLESS  
BEEN FACTOR IN INCREASING VOLUME OF SUCH TRAVEL. WE  
STAND READY TO SUPPLY FULL INFORMATION ABOUT  
HISTORY, ORGANIZATION, AND ACTIVITIES OF LFAS IF  
NEEDED.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE SOONEST  
INFORMATION ABOUT NATURE AND SCOPE OF CAB FINDING  
ABOUT FINNISH-AMERICAN SOCIETY, PARTICULARLY  
WHETHER CHARTER FLIGHTS ORIGINATING  
FINLAND ALSO ENDANGERED. EMBASSY HOPES THAT REPORTED CAB  
DECISION CAN BE REVERSED.  
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